Major discoveries of ONGC

1010. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC in the recent report to Government have acknowledged that it has not been able to make any major discoveries in the past 20 years;

(b) if so, whether they have also pointed out that whatever discoveries were made, contributed only 1.5 million tonnes per annum to the country's oil output;

(c) whether ONGC has zero success rate with nil discoveries for the 47 blocks awarded to it whereas private sector major RIL has a success rate of 56 per cent with 18 discoveries; and

(d) if so, whether Government are therefor considering to give more oil wells to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) In past 20 years Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has accreted 3,990 Million Metric barrels of oil and oil equivalent gas (MMboe) (O+OEG) of recoverable reserves equivalent to eight 'majors' within and around discovered fields. However ONGC has not made a single major discovery as large as 500 MMboe of recoverable reserves.

(b) The contribution from new finds is 1.78 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) oil per annum including condensate which is 6.83% of annual production and 2299 Million Standard Cubic Metre (MMSCM) of gas which is 10.34% of the total annual gas production of ONGC.

(c) ONGC was awarded 47 blocks with operatorship in New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) rounds I to IV. ONGC has reported 8 oil/gas discoveries in 40 drilled wells as on 1st July, 2007. The success ratio is 20%.

(d) Oil/gas blocks under NELP are offered through international competitive bidding where all companies-Government, private, foreign or national can bid on equal terms and conditions.

LPG connection and kerosene oil to tribals in Jharkhand

1011. Ms. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tribals having LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(b) whether the tribals of Jharkhand although entitled for kerosene, only the city tribals get it and the dealers take rest of the kerosene oil to adulterate it; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to stop adulteration and ensure at least kerosene is given to all the tribals of Jharkhand, mostly in remote and hilly areas, where the poorest of the poor live?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)